

SOCIETY.

Many St. Louisans Participate in the Festivities of the Season at Hot Springs--At the Theaters and the Operas--Events of the Week and Personal Mention.

With such a large number of persons wintering in various places of sun and warmth just at present, St. Louis has assumed quite an atmosphere of lightness--much more so in fact, than at any time since Ash Wednesday. The theatres naturally claimed some attention, but while large audiences were the rule, fashionable folk were in the minority at all playhouses. This next week people will be coming back, and the all-important question as to spring tickets and Eastward bound will have us fully flushed of Mardi's attention. Any fair summer materials of the palest colors and the thinnest construction have filled the shop windows for at least a fortnight, suggestive of what is to come. As a matter of fact, many classes of these goods made now are seldom regaled, since exclusive patterns and County designs are soon picked up and few shops amuse these early and choice materials. Therefore the wise woman is she who buys one or more summer gowns now. The unwise woman has them made up into frocks; for from mid-May until early June, it is a far cry, and there is no telling what the styles in sleeves may be by that time.

Buckles appear to be the most favorite badge that women can add to her toilet just at present. An arrangement was recently made with a winter cabinet much frequented by Easterners. It consisted of a small gold buckle and chain attached to the ends of a black silk, the old-fashioned gray grain-stock, that is, the collar part was white piping and could be changed at will; but the ends that crossed the back were stopped in front of the black silk. On one end of the band was a very plain buckle. The other end had a gold clasp to hold the silk together, and when pulled through the buckle was good looking and decidedly smart.

ST. LOUIS AT HOT SPRINGS.

Hot Springs is quite at the height of this, its most successful season, in twenty years. Never before have so many of the best hotels been so crowded with people flocking to the little mountain resort, and never before has the gayety been so marked. In consequence of the unusually large numbers of visitors, the hotels have decided to remain open until May 4.

As for St. Louisans, they swarm the town. Down at the quiet part there are many, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Rumsey have been comfortably established for two weeks or more, and will stay until Miss Anna is entirely recovered from her colds. The business men are living very quietly and not participating in any of the gayeties except in the way of walk drives, and good Mr. and Mrs. De Pauw are in the party. Professor and Mrs. Gough are in the party, employing merely the healthful exercise and breathing air. Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Fullerton, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stark and Charles Kunkel been Park guests for a week or more, and will remain some time longer. They are frequently seen promenading on the "Row" or the "Terrace" with Miss Anna, Miss Eddie Vogel, Miss Marion Kaminski and Marie Kaminski, and Misses Vogel, H. Winter and S. True.

Mr. and Mrs. James Birnbaum enjoyed the music from the circle. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Sullivan and Miss Melinda St. John, among the South Side girls, are in the audience.

Mr. and Mrs. White chaperoned in the parquet, and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Chapman were with a party of friends in the dress circle.

Near the rear Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Ackerman were with a party. Misses Georgeine Lammot, Sam Gore, Harry Fawcett and Miss Alice Gore were Alma and Martha's close neighbors. Misses Josephine and Adele Achtermann were in the circle, and near them were Messrs. Joseph Kahn and Joseph M. Donavan.

Professor and Mrs. John W. Sparre, with Professor and Mrs. Gough, were in the parquet.

Mrs. Luther C. Sullivan and Miss Melinda St. John, among the South Side girls, are in the audience.

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Another party in the parquet consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Godlove and Mr. W. Lockwood with Miss Glasscock.

A large parquet party was formed by Mr. and Mrs. Philip Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Brossell, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Koehn and Miss Esme Hartman. They were chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Philip Johnson.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Barklage were in the circle, Misses Walter Stark and Charles Kunkel were in the circle, staying it.

Doctor Charles H. Goodman came in late.

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Another party in the parquet consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Sampson, who are to be married April 10, Mr. and Mrs. Georgeine Lammot, Misses Henry, Eddie, Anna, Mrs. Eddie Vogel, Miss Marion Kaminski and Marie Kaminski, and Misses Vogel, H. Winter and S. True.

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